

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE JUDICIAL CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE**
Friday, July 12, 2013 – 11:00 a.m. – Room 450 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Scott K. Jenkins, Senate Chair
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Sen. Patricia W. Jones
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Stuart C. Reid
Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart

Sen. Karen Mayne

Staff Present:

Mr. Michael E. Christensen, Director
Ms. Susan Creager Allred, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Jennifer Christopherson, Legislative Secretary

Members Absent:

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Jenkins called the meeting to order at 11:13 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to close the meeting for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, and physical or mental health of the judicial candidate. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Knudson and Sen. Reid absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to open the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Interview of Mr. Paul B. Parker

Mr. Paul Parker introduced his family and friends in attendance. He was placed under oath by Mr. Christensen. Mr. Parker thanked the committee for the opportunity to appear before them and provided a personal and professional background statement to the committee. He spoke about his family and professional experience and said that he learned the importance of hard work, courage, and integrity and that his experience has given him the ability to make difficult decisions. He responded to questions from the committee by saying that he tries to listen, be fair, and not impose his opinions on others. Mr. Parker discussed his views regarding the death penalty, child custody, and the duty to serve justice. He stated that there is nothing in his past that would embarrass the court if it came to light. He said that it is important to treat others with respect and dignity and that those in the court room should feel that they have been heard.

MOTION: Sen. Urquhart moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate that Mr. Paul B. Parker be confirmed as a judge for the Third District Court. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hillyard absent for the vote.

3. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Knudson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hillyard and Sen. Urquhart absent for the vote.

Chair Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 12:51 p.m.